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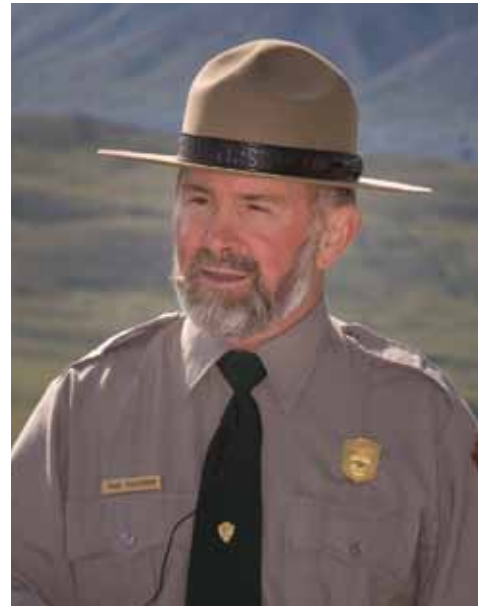
Welcome to Denali National Park and Preserve

Denali is always an exciting place to visit and experience.

Choices we make everyday impact the communities and the wildlands we live, work, and play in. We are tasked with protecting this natural resource. At Denali, we have a commitment to make sustainable choices—from the way we build our visitor centers and other facilities to how we manage the Park Road. Each is an integral part of preserving the indomitable character of Denali's wilderness.

In this issue of the *Alpenglow* we feature several of these projects that provide new opportunities and ways of experiencing Denali, including the assisted hearing devices at the park kennels and auditoriums, and the construction of the new Triple Lakes Trail. These projects, though, would not have been possible without the input and support from you. Check us out online at our website for current park information, including the latest in park research and planning projects. Read our new blog about life at the Denali Kennels or watch one of our videos, "Denali: New Expeditions." Connect with us on Facebook and Twitter, and stay up-to-date with park events, weather, and wildlife sightings. Stay connected, be involved, and choose to become an active voice in your park. We look forward to hearing from you.

Welcome, and enjoy.



A handwritten signature of Paul R. Anderson in blue ink, written in a cursive style.

Paul R. Anderson
Superintendent

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Visiting Denali: First Impressions

Denali National Park and Preserve is open year-round to visitors. The Alaska Range, which includes Mount McKinley, effectively splits the park into north and south sides.

The rugged and heavily glaciated south side of the park is visited primarily by mountaineers climbing Mount McKinley and other peaks, and by travelers on scenic flight tours. The **Talkeetna Ranger Station**, located 115 miles north of Anchorage in the historic gateway community of Talkeetna, is home to mountaineering rangers and high altitude search and rescue operations. The station is open to visitors year-round and offers interpretive programs and a climbing film throughout the summer.

The north side is where most travelers experience the park. A single, 92-mile road offers the only access through more than two million acres of designated Wilderness. In summer, visitors can drive personal vehicles as far as the **Savage River** at Mile 15. Travel beyond is mostly limited to tour and shuttle buses, bicycles, and hikers on foot. For the 2011 summer season, shuttle buses will operate from May 20 to September 15.

Most amenities are found in the park entrance area. A trail network is centered around the **Denali Visitor Center (DVC)**. Bulletin boards offer schedules of daily hikes, campground programs and ranger talks in the visitor center theater. There are regular screenings of *Heartbeats of Denali*, an 18-minute film that depicts life in the park through all four seasons. The **Morino Grill** restaurant and a branch of the **Alaska Geographic Bookstore** are located nearby.

Follow signs along a paved trail a short distance across campus to the **Murie Science and Learning Center (MSLC)**, which also serves as the park's winter visitor center. The MSLC offers programs year-round, including exhibits, classes, field seminars, teacher trainings, and an evening speaker series.

Free sled dog demonstrations are offered daily at the historic **Park Kennels**, three miles from the park entrance. To attend, board a free shuttle at the DVC campus bus stop at least 40 minutes prior to each

scheduled demonstration. At least one wheelchair accessible bus travels to each sled dog demonstration.

All entrance area courtesy buses are free, wheelchair accessible, and load at the DVC campus bus stop. The Riley Creek Loop Shuttle travels between entrance area facilities every half hour. The Savage River Shuttle travels the first 15 miles of the Park Road and departs regularly during peak season. Specific hours of operation are still uncertain and changing.

The **Wilderness Access Center (WAC)** is where you can make transportation choices, board your tour or shuttle bus into the park, and make campground reservations. You can also make and check-in for campsite reservations a short distance away at the **Riley Creek Mercantile**.

Denali offers world-class backpacking experiences. Permits are required for overnight backcountry travel in most areas. Visit the **Backcountry Information Center (BIC)** next to the WAC for details. Hours are 9 am to 6 pm daily, from May 15 to September 20.

A Few Key Regulations

- Pets must be leashed at all times and are not allowed on trails or in the backcountry.
- Cyclists may ride on park roads, parking areas, campground loops, and the designated Bike Path between the Nenana River and the DVC. Bicycles are prohibited on all other trails.
- All food and scented items must be secured in a closed vehicle, locker, camper, or bear-resistant food container.
- Please maintain minimum distances from wildlife (see page 17). If your presence changes the behavior of any wild animal, you are too close.
- Federal law prohibits firearms in certain facilities in the park; those places are marked with signs at all public entrances. It is the responsibility of visitors to understand and comply with all applicable firearms laws before entering the park.

What's New?

Explore

Whether spending time in the entrance area of the park or exploring along the Park Road, new opportunities to experience Denali await you. Monies from your park entrance fees along with funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act made these projects possible. Thank you for your continued support and enjoy exploring your national park.

Triple Lakes Trail (Mile 1.5)

After exploring the Denali Visitor Center area, take a walk along the nearby Triple Lakes. An hour or so allows enough time to explore Riley Creek at the beginning of the trail and become familiar with the solitude and character of the Denali wilderness.

If you have more time and gumption, take a longer hike through aspen and spruce forests, up and along a ridge with views of the park, and past three picturesque lakes. The full length of the trail is 8.6 miles (13.8km) and ends near Milepost 231 of the George Parks Highway, on the north end of the Nenana Bridge. See page 14 for details on how to access the trailheads.

Mountain Vista Trailhead (Mile 13)

Early visitors to the park (1923-1939) would overnight at Savage Camp, explore the area, observe wildlife, and take in the expansive views of the Alaska Range. Today, you can ride the free Savage River shuttle bus to the new Mountain Vista Trailhead, and spend part of your day exploring the area. A short loop trail (0.68 mile/1.1 km) leads to a historic road and airstrip associated with the camp. On a clear day, you might have a view of Mount McKinley, about 70 miles away. Restrooms, benches, and picnic tables provide a great staging area to start your exploration. For more information on the shuttle, see page 10.

Teklanika Rest Stop (Mile 30.2)

While stretching your legs at the Teklanika Rest Stop, take a moment to look at the new structures around you. The deck beneath your feet contains salvaged lumber from the rest stop's original site. Photovoltaic lights were installed for shoulder seasons when we have dark mornings and evenings. The restrooms are wheelchair accessible, larger, and now chemical-free, which reduces impacts to the park's wastewater treatment system.



Park rangers and volunteers attach one of the thousand-pound base timbers to a dog sled. These timbers were used to construct the Riley Creek footbridge. An impressive feat of strength and endurance, dog teams hauled more than 10,000 pounds of lumber, steel cables, and other building materials to the bridge construction site.



Salvaged boards were re-used to infill openings in the deck where buildings were removed at the Teklanika Rest Stop.

Greater Accessibility



New accessibility symbols are becoming familiar attractions at the entrances to visitor centers in Denali. The park has greatly improved capacity to make public presentations, events, and exhibits more available to visitors who are sight- or hearing-impaired.



If you are traveling on a tour or shuttle bus, you may request a **Sign Language Interpreter** when you make your bus reservation at www.reservedenali.com.



If you plan to attend additional ranger programs, please call 907 683-9532, TTY 907 683-9649, or email denali_info@nps.gov, preferably within a minimum of at least 48 hours.

All park films and video exhibits are now presented with **Open Captions** at all times.

Three park films are now available with **Audio Description**. Sight-impaired visitors may borrow an electronic device that plays a simultaneous narrated description of what appears on screen. This free service is available for *Heartbeats of Denali* at the Denali Visitor Center, *Across Time and Tundra* at the Wilderness Access Center, and *Mount McKinley: Climbing North America's Icy Crown* at the Talkeetna Ranger Station.

Two types of **Assisted Listening** services are available free for hearing-impaired visitors who attend sled dog demonstrations at the historic Park Kennels, as well as



films, ranger programs, and public events at park visitor centers. Visitors may borrow an electronic device with a conventional ear piece to amplify public programs.

Visitors who wear hearing aids that

are outfitted with a special **T-Coil** or similar **Induction Loop Receiver** may borrow a device with a wire neck loop rather than headphones. Visitors to the screening room at the Eielson Visitor Center, where an induction loop system has been installed above the ceiling, may hear amplified programs directly in T-coil-equipped hearing aids without need to borrow another device.

New Media

Denali is always looking for new ways to connect visitors to this special place, most recently through emerging media and technology.

DenaliNPS has more than 2,000 followers on Twitter, and a new and growing presence this year on Facebook.



Denali: New Expeditions, a free podcast series

offered in iTunes and on the park website, continues to tell park stories on diverse and robust topics from large-scale mine reclamation efforts to rules about wildlife encounters, and the personal experiences of young people who live and work in the park for a full summer.

Denali Walks is a new series of pages on the park website with resources designed to enhance the experience of walking on a network of trails in the park frontcountry. A wide array of interpretive activities are featured, along with trail descriptions, maps and elevations, photo galleries, interactive panoramas, and short video highlights of what visitors might expect to see along each trail.

Watch the park website for new eTours, eGuides, and blogs. eTours and eGuides will feature a variety of topics including: Discovery Hikes, Which bus to take?, Denali's sound monitoring program, and winter visitation opportunities. Blogs will feature Denali Kennels, Artist-in-Residence Program, hiking the Park Road, and ranger naturalist notes.

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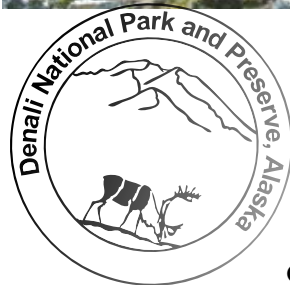
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Information Centers



The **Denali Visitor Center (DVC)** is located at Mile 1.5 of the Park Road. The DVC houses interpretive exhibits and an 18-minute film, *Heartbeats of Denali*.

General information, ranger-guided walks, and interpretive programs are also offered. Open May 15 to September 20 from 8 am to 6 pm daily. The campus surrounding the DVC includes the *Morino Grill* restaurant, the park's main branch of the *Alaska Geographic Bookstore* and the *Campus Bus Stop*. A baggage check office at the bus stop also serves as the park's *Lost and Found*, 907 683-9275. The Alaska Railroad Depot is within walking distance.



The **Wilderness Access Center (WAC)** is located at Mile 0.75 of the Park Road. The WAC offers general information, bus ticket sales, campground reservations, coffee service, a retail bookstore, and a 17-minute film, *Across Time and Tundra*. All shuttle buses depart from this facility. Open May 15 to September 19 from 5 am to 7 pm daily.



The **Toklat River Contact Station** is located at Mile 53 of the Park Road and is accessible via shuttle buses, the Tundra Wilderness Tour and the Kantishna Experience. This rest area offers park information and an Alaska Geographic Bookstore. Open May 20 to September 19 from 9 am to 7 pm daily.





The **Eielson Visitor Center** is located at Mile 66 of the Park Road and is accessible via shuttle buses to Eielson, Wonder Lake, or Kantishna, and Kantishna Experience tour buses.

This facility offers park information, interpretive exhibits, and ranger-guided walks. Open June 1 to September 19 from 9 am to 7 pm daily.



The **Talkeetna Ranger Station** is located off the end of Main Street in historic downtown Talkeetna about 140 miles south of the main park entrance. This facility offers mountaineering and general park information, a climbing film, interpretive programs, and a branch of the Alaska Geographic Bookstore. Summer hours are 9:30 am to 5 pm daily from May 15 to September 20. For more information, follow the mountaineering link at www.nps.gov/dena or call 907 733-2231.



Murie Science and Learning Center



The Murie Science and Learning Center (MSLC) is located at Mile 13 of the Park Road. It is part of a nationwide effort to enhance science in national parks and to share research more effectively with the public. Located near the park

entrance, the MSLC represents eight of Alaska's arctic and subarctic national parks. The building is open to the public year-round. It features an exhibit area highlighting current park science, a classroom, and office space for visiting scientists. A team of non-governmental partners help support the center's research and educational activities. Please see page 23 for a list of partners.

Educational Offerings

In the summer months, the MSLC is the hub for a variety of educational offerings. Multi-day programs such as field seminars, teacher trainings, and youth camps provide unique small-group experiences in the park. At the center, visitors can learn about current science in the park, explore the exhibit area,

and join a presentation. Some programs are fee-based while others are free and open to the public. Summer hours are May 15 to September 20, 9:30 am to 5:00 pm daily, 907 683-1269.



MSLC instructor Susan Adams shares her knowledge of science with visitors.

To find out more about the 2011 summer schedule visit www.murieslc.org

Reservations for Buses and Campsites

Advance Reservations for all bus services and campsites for the 2011 season are available through September 15, 2011. Each shuttle reservation may include a maximum of eight seats. Make reservations online or by phone, fax or mail.

Phone Lines are open from 7 am to 5 pm (Alaska Time) daily. Tickets can be purchased by phone up until the day before travel and picked up at the Wilderness Access Center (WAC).

800 622-7275 Nationwide
907 272-7275 International
www.reservedenali.com

Send email at www.reservedenali.com.

Fax 907 264-4684. Requests must be received no less than two days before travel. Download a fax form from www.nps.gov/dena to ensure you include all the necessary information.

Mail your request to:

Doyon/ARAMARK Joint Venture
 2445 West Dunlap Ave.
 Phoenix, AZ 85021

Requests must be received 30 days before travel date.

When faxing or mailing reservation requests, include the name and age of each passenger, as youth discounts do apply. It is always helpful to include alternate dates of travel.

Fees: In addition to the costs listed in the chart below, please include an entrance fee of \$10 per individual, \$15 per motorcycle, or \$20 per vehicle. Payment can be made by credit card, check (received 10 working days in advance), or money order. Cancellation fees apply.

Refund Policy: For each shuttle bus seat and/or campground site there is a \$4 cancellation fee. Shuttle bus cancellations must be made at least 24 hours before departure time. Campground cancellations must be made by 11 am the day before arrival. Tour bus cancellations must be made seven days prior to departure. No refund within seven days. A \$4 change fee is collected for any changes made to existing reservations.

Tickets: Prepaid, reserved tickets can be picked up at the WAC. It is not necessary to check in at the WAC if you already have your shuttle tickets. You need to be at the WAC loading deck 15 minutes before your bus departure. Any unclaimed, prepaid tickets for buses departing before 7 am may be picked up from the expeditors on the bus deck. Bus drivers do not sell tickets. Campground permits may be picked up at the Riley Creek Mercantile or at the WAC.

Campground Descriptions and Fees

Campground Name and Location	Season	Water	Facilities	Cost / Night Summer	Emergency	Reservations / Remarks
Riley Creek west of George Parks Hwy. 146 sites for RVs and tents	All year; limited facilities from Sept. - May	Yes (no water in winter)	Flush and vault toilets	\$14 walk-in tent, \$22-28 RV (up to 30'), \$28 RV (up to 40')	Contact camp host or Park Staff	Make reservations in advance, at the WAC, or at the Riley Creek Mercantile.
Savage River Mile 13, 33 sites for RVs and tents	May - Sept. Weather dependent	Yes	Flush and vault toilets	\$22, or \$28 for RV pull-through sites	Contact camp host or Park Staff	Make reservations in advance, at the WAC, or at the Riley Creek Mercantile.
Savage Group Mile 13, 2 sites; tents only	May - Sept. Weather dependent	Yes	Vault toilet	\$40	Contact camp host or Park Staff	Make reservations only by calling the numbers listed above.
Sanctuary River Mile 23, 7 sites; tents only; no vehicles	May - Sept. Weather dependent	No	Vault toilet	\$9*	Contact Park Ranger, Park Staff, or Bus Drivers	Make reservations in person within 2 days at the WAC or at the Riley Creek Mercantile.
Teklanika River Mile 29, 53 sites for RVs and tents	May - Sept. Weather dependent	Yes	Chemical toilet	\$16*	Contact camp host, Park Ranger, or Bus Drivers	Make reservations in advance, at the WAC, or at the Riley Creek Mercantile.
Igloo Creek Mile 34, 7 sites; tents only; no vehicles	May - Sept. Weather dependent	No	Vault toilet	\$9*	Contact Park Ranger, Park Staff, or Bus Drivers	Make reservations in person within 2 days at the WAC or at the Riley Creek Mercantile.
Wonder Lake Mile 85, 28 sites; tents only; no vehicles	June - Sept. Weather dependent	Yes	Flush toilet	\$16*	Contact camp host, Wonder Lake Ranger Station (2 mi. west), or Bus Drivers	Make reservations in advance, at the WAC, or at the Riley Creek Mercantile.

Prices are subject to change. 50% discount available with Senior or Access passes only. Cancellations must be made by 11 am the day before arrival in order to receive a refund. Cancellation fee applies.

*Prices do not include a non-refundable campground reservation fee of \$5.

Teklanika Campground

Teklanika (“Tek”) campers may drive their vehicles to the campground with a minimum three-night stay. Tent campers who access the campground by bus are not required to stay three nights. Dump your holding tanks, fill water tanks, and get all necessary items, including firewood, before going to Tek. Your road pass is good for one trip into the campground and one trip out. During the remainder of your stay, your vehicle is restricted to the campground. Leave towed vehicles at the WAC or in the RV parking lot at the DVC.

Campers driving to Tek Campground should purchase a Teklanika Shuttle Pass to travel farther west into the park on the shuttle bus. The Tek Pass is only good for campers staying at Tek Campground. The Tek Pass may not be used to travel east of Tek Campground.

Other Campgrounds

Camping is prohibited along the Parks Highway within park boundaries, and in parking areas and pull-outs along the Park Road. Additional campgrounds outside the park offer RV hookups, sewage disposal, tent camping, and food lockers.

Privately Owned Campground	Distance*	# Sites	Phone #
Tatlanika Campground	39 N	18	907 582-2341
Waugaman Village	12 N	18	907 683-2737
McKinley RV and Campground	10 N	89	907 683-2379
Denali RV Park	8 N	85	907 683-1500
Denali Riverside Campground	3 N	98	866 583-2696
Denali Rainbow RV Camping	1 N	77	907 683-7777
Denali Grizzly Bear Cabins and Campground	6 S	58	866 583-2696
Carlo Creek Lodge	13 S	25	907 683-2576
Cantwell RV Park	27 S	76	800 940-2210

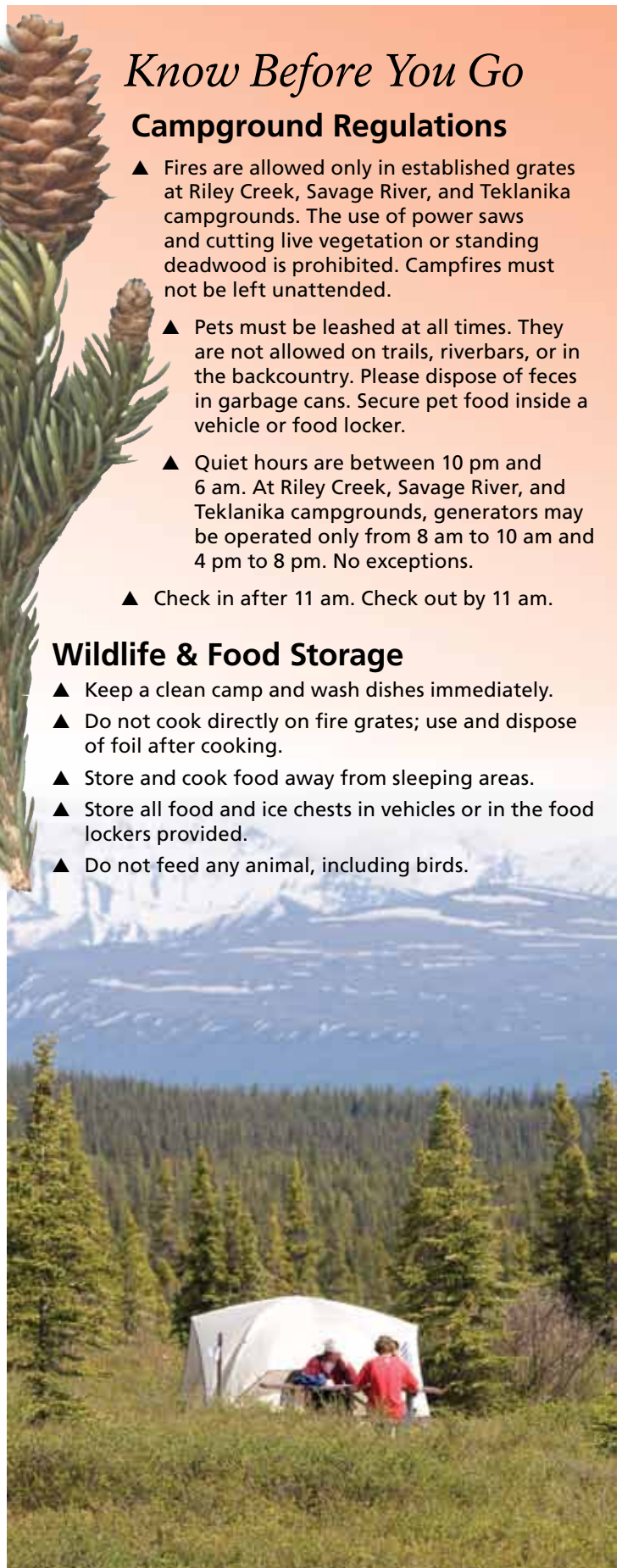
*Miles from park entrance, North (N) or South (S)

Know Before You Go Campground Regulations

- ▲ Fires are allowed only in established grates at Riley Creek, Savage River, and Teklanika campgrounds. The use of power saws and cutting live vegetation or standing deadwood is prohibited. Campfires must not be left unattended.
- ▲ Pets must be leashed at all times. They are not allowed on trails, riverbars, or in the backcountry. Please dispose of feces in garbage cans. Secure pet food inside a vehicle or food locker.
- ▲ Quiet hours are between 10 pm and 6 am. At Riley Creek, Savage River, and Teklanika campgrounds, generators may be operated only from 8 am to 10 am and 4 pm to 8 pm. No exceptions.
- ▲ Check in after 11 am. Check out by 11 am.

Wildlife & Food Storage

- ▲ Keep a clean camp and wash dishes immediately.
- ▲ Do not cook directly on fire grates; use and dispose of foil after cooking.
- ▲ Store and cook food away from sleeping areas.
- ▲ Store all food and ice chests in vehicles or in the food lockers provided.
- ▲ Do not feed any animal, including birds.



Shuttle Destinations and Times

Destination (Mileage/Kilometer)		Savage River (Mile 15/23.7 km)	Toklat River (Mile 53/85.4 km)	Eielson Visitor Center (Mile 66/106.1 km)
What to See	Visitors are encouraged to get on and off the buses to explore the park. Anticipate waits up to one hour to re-board.	Savage River is the farthest that visitors can drive in their own vehicles on the Park Road. At this point there is a small parking area, picnic tables, restrooms, and a trail. Visitors are encouraged to take the free shuttle, as parking is limited.	Toklat River is an area of merging glacial rivers. Dall sheep are often seen and grizzlies sometimes graze the soapberries growing on the gravel bar in the fall. Shuttle start date: May 20.	The Eielson Visitor Center is built into the tundra slopes. Its roof serves as an observation deck that provides outstanding opportunities for viewing wildlife, the tundra landscape, and Mount McKinley. Shuttle start date: June 1.
	Roundtrip Time	2 hours roundtrip	6 1/2 hours roundtrip	8 hours roundtrip
Fares	Adult Single Fare (age 18 and over) Young Adult Single Fare (age 15-17) Youth Single Fare (age 14 and under)	FREE Buses leave from the Wilderness Access Center regularly. Check at visitor centers and bus stops for schedule. No ticket necessary.	Adult Single Fare \$24.50 Young Adult Single Fare \$12.25 Youth Single Fare FREE	Adult Single Fare \$31.50 Young Adult Single Fare \$15.75 Youth Single Fare FREE

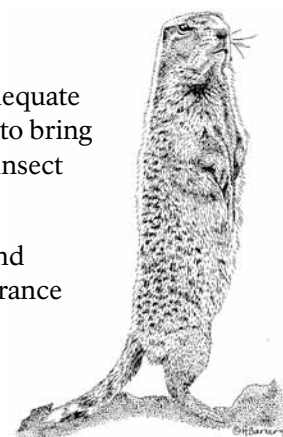
Shuttle Buses

Shuttle Buses are for transportation and wildlife viewing. All shuttle buses depart from the Wilderness Access Center (WAC) only. Passengers may get off along the Park Road and re-board later shuttle buses on a space available basis with a ticket for that day. Waits of up to one hour to re-board a shuttle bus are possible.

Dates of Operation: May 20 – September 15, 2011

Bring plenty of food, water, and adequate warm clothing. You may also want to bring field guides, binoculars, a camera, insect repellent, and head nets.

Fares are dependent on turn-around destination and do not include entrance fees. Youth discounts apply.



Tour Buses

Tundra Wilderness Tour

Wildlife viewing and narrated tour to Toklat River (Mile 53). Tours depart in early morning and afternoon. A box lunch and hot beverage are provided.

Length of Tour: 7 - 8 hours

Natural History Tour

Narrated tour of the park to Primrose Ridge (Mile 17). Morning and afternoon departures available. A snack and beverage are provided.

Length of Tour: 4 1/2 – 5 hours

Kantishna Experience

Narrated tour to historic gold mining area of Kantishna located at the end of the Park Road (Mile 92). Meet a ranger for a short walk and talk. Lunch and beverages included.

Length of Tour: 12 hours

Dates of Operation

Regular Season May 20–September 15, 2011
Shoulder Season May 15-19 and September 16-19, 2011
Dates subject to change.

Departure

Tour buses depart from area hotels and the Wilderness Access Center. Please check pickup location prior to the date of departure.

For More Information visit www.nps.gov/dena

For Reservations: See page 8
or visit www.reservedenali.com

Weather: The start and end dates of all bus services are weather-dependent.

Guns: No guns allowed on any Tour Buses. Passengers may carry a gun on Shuttle Buses but it must be

unloaded and stored in a locked container.

Wheelchair Accessible Buses are available on all bus systems. Please advise staff of your needs when you make your reservation.

Children under 4 years must be in a carseat to ride on buses. Please make arrangements to bring your own carseat.

Wonder Lake (Mile 85/135.9 km)	Kantishna (Mile 92/148.4 km)	Camper Bus and Backpackers Only
Wonder Lake was created by the Muldrow Glacier. Along the road to Wonder Lake, alder- and willow-carpeted hills are dotted with kettle ponds. Look for beaver, moose, and birds along the way. Shuttle start date: June 8.	Kantishna is primarily a destination for lodge visitors and backpackers for backcountry access. Please respect the private lands in this area. Shuttle start date: June 8.	Tent campers can access backcountry units or Sanctuary, Teklanika, Igloo, and Wonder Lake campgrounds by camper bus. Reserve a seat when making a camping reservation. Camper bus passes are good on any green bus, space available, for the entire time you are west of Mile 20.
11 hours roundtrip	12 hours roundtrip	Time dependent on destination
Adult Single Fare \$43.25 Young Adult Single Fare \$21.75 Youth Single Fare FREE	Adult Single Fare \$47.25 Young Adult Single Fare \$23.75 Youth Single Fare FREE	Adult Single Fare \$31.50 Young Adult Single Fare \$15.75 Youth Single Fare FREE

Entrance Area Buses

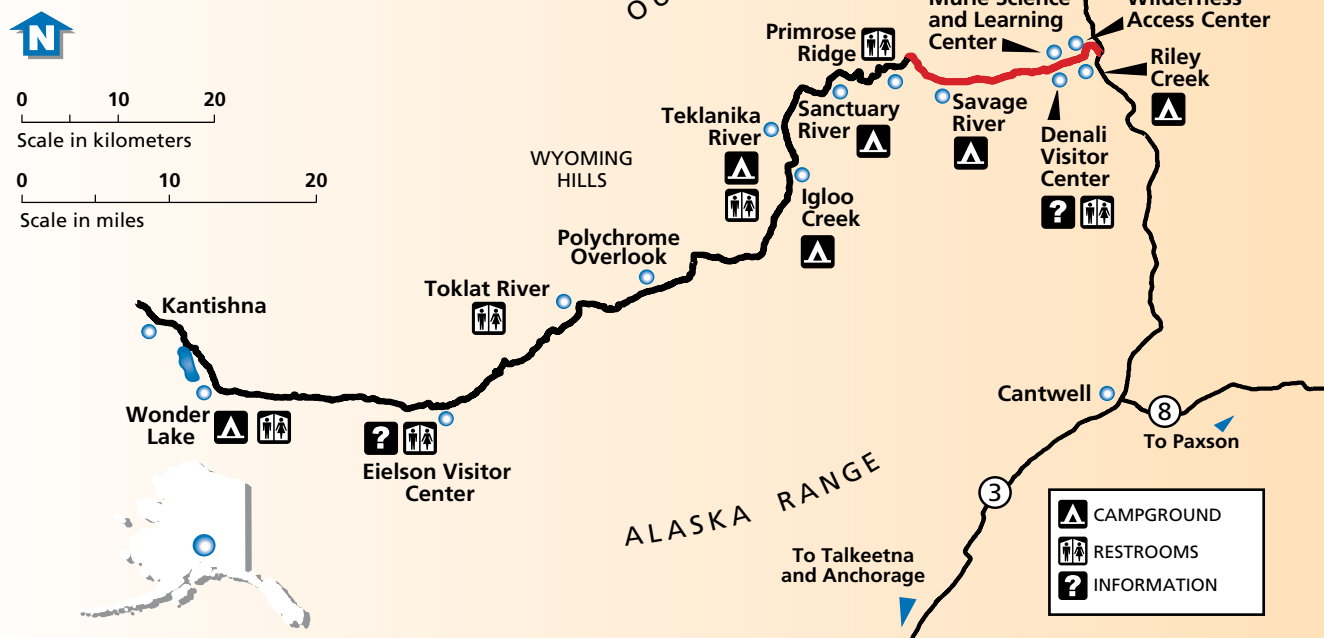
You can ride free shuttles to access amenities in the park entrance area: Denali Visitor Center, Wilderness Access Center, Murie Science and Learning Center, Riley Creek Campground, Denali Park Post Office, Riley Creek Mercantile, Railroad Depot, and trailheads.

Dates of Operation: May 15 through September 15, 2011, weather permitting.

Wheelchair Accessible buses are available.

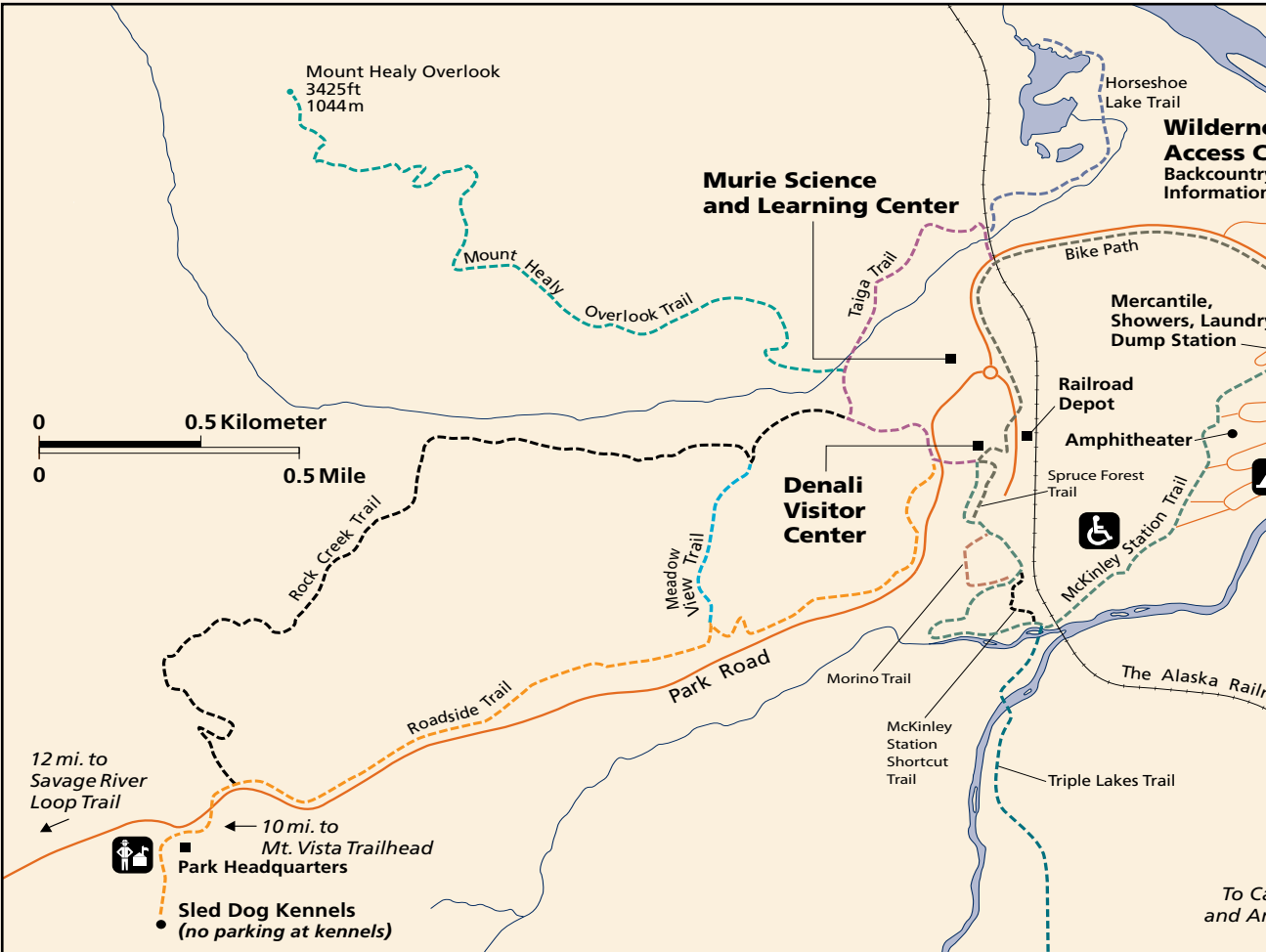
Riley Creek Loop Bus	Dog Sled Demo Bus
Loops continuously throughout the day. See schedule at bus stops and visitor centers. Board at Riley Creek Campground, Wilderness Access Center, Denali Visitor Center bus stop, Murie Science and Learning Center, Park Headquarters, and Horseshoe Lake Trailhead.	Free, roundtrip transportation for each 10 am, 2 pm and 4 pm dog demo. Board only at the Denali Visitor Center bus stop 40 minutes before demo . No parking is available at the kennels area.
30 minutes roundtrip	1.5 hours roundtrip
FREE	FREE

Park Road Map



*Red segment along road is open to public traffic, as well as a free shuttle.

Trails



	Spruce Forest Trail	McKinley Station Trail	Meadow View Trail	Horseshoe Lake Trail	Bike Path
Difficulty	Easy	Moderate	Moderate	Easy to moderate	Easy
Distance	0.27 miles/0.4 km	1.6 miles/2.6 km	0.3 miles/0.5 km	1.5 miles/2.4 km	1.7 mile/2.7 km
Time Estimate	15 min. roundtrip	60 min. one way	1.5 hours roundtrip	1.5 hours roundtrip	45 min. one way
Access	Visitor Center Trailhead	Visitor Center, Riley Creek Campground or Riley Creek Mercantile. Forms a 3.0 mile/4.8 km loop with the Bike Path.	Connects Rock Creek Trail and Roadside Trail to form a 1.6 mile/2.6 km loop back to Visitor Center	From Taiga Trail or Bike Path join Horseshoe Lake Trail at railroad tracks. (Limited parking available.)	Connects Visitor Center and the Wilderness Access Center to the Park Entrance with access to visitor services. Forms a 3.0 mile/4.8 km loop with the McKinley Station Trail.
Highlights	Spruce forest, wildflowers, and berries in season	Historic building remains, geologic features, railroad trestle, and Riley Creek	View of meadows and mountains, wildflowers, possible signs of wildlife	Benches provided lakeside and at top of hill. Views of oxbow lake and the Nenana River. Wildlife sightings possible	Skirts forest edge
Elevation Change	None	100 feet	None	250 feet	150 feet
Grade	0%	8.5% maximum	Access trails up to 15%	5%, with sections up to 20%	5% maximum
Width	72 inches	48 inches	30 inches	60 inches	10 feet
Surface	Compacted gravel	Compacted gravel	Compacted gravel	Native soils with roots and rocks	Compacted gravel




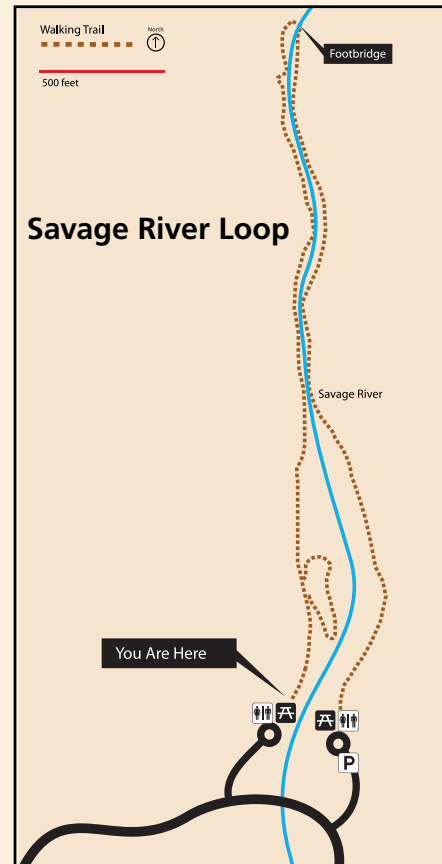
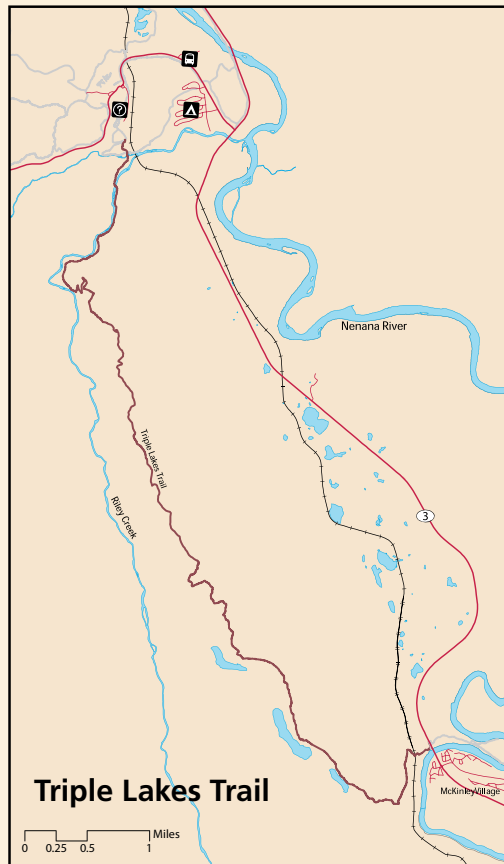
Hiker's Checklist

- **Food:** Do not leave food or scented items unattended at any time. Avoid carrying scented, spiced, or smoked items.
- **Water:** *Giardia* occurs in the park. Boil all water or use a filter.
- **Footwear:** Wear sturdy, well-fitting hiking boots and take extra socks and gaiters to keep feet dry.
- **Clothing:** Take rain gear, a hat, and gloves. Dress in layers. Wool, fleece, or other non-absorbent synthetic clothing is preferable to cotton.
- **Insect Repellent and Head Net**
- **Toilet Paper:** Pack out all toilet paper, used pads, and tampons. Double wrap in plastic.
- **Essential Gear:** Bring map, compass, waterproof matches or lighter, first aid kit, knife, and a whistle.
- **Emergency:** Always remember to tell someone where you are going and when you'll be back.
- **More Information:** Check at the Backcountry Information Center. See also, pages 20-21.



An award-winning guide to all established trails in the park, **Denali Walks**, is available at the Alaska Geographic Bookstore. Each entry includes directions, distance, terrain, difficulty, and a detailed section on what to expect along the trail.

Roadside Trail	Rock Creek Trail	Taiga Trail	Mount Healy Overlook Trail	Parks Highway Bike Trail
Moderately strenuous	Moderately strenuous	Easy to moderate	Strenuous	Easy 
1.8 miles/2.9 km	2.4 miles/3.8 km	0.9 miles/1.5 km	4.5 miles/7.3 km roundtrip	1.6 miles/2.6 km
1 hour one way	2 hours one way	45-60 min. one way	3-4 hours roundtrip	1 hour one way
From Visitor Center via Taiga Trail to Park Headquarters and Sled Dog Kennels	From Visitor Center via Taiga Trail to Park Headquarters and Sled Dog Kennels	From the Visitor Center or railroad crossing trailhead, provides access to Rock Creek and Mount Healy Overlook trails	Take Taiga Trail for 0.3 miles, then look for Mount Healy Overlook Trail junction	Travels 0.6 miles from Park Entrance to Nenana River, and another mile to end of business district
Aspen, birch and spruce forests	Stands of birch and spruce trees, ridge views with increased quiet and solitude away from the road	Spruce and aspen forests, flowers in spring, berries in summer and fall	Dramatic views. Benches provided after first mile, 500 ft. elev. gain. Switchbacks climb another mile and 1,200 ft. to overlook	Paved trail connecting to lodging and services
350 feet	400 feet	75 feet	1,700 feet	100 feet
Up to 15%	Up to 15%	5% with sections up to 15%	Up to 25%	5% maximum
36 inches	30 inches	24 inches	24 inches	10 feet
Compacted gravel	Compacted gravel	Gravel with open steps across ditches	Native soils with rocks and roots	Asphalt



	Triple Lakes Trail	Savage River Loop	Alpine Tundra Loop Trail
Difficulty	Moderately strenuous	Easy to Moderate. First half-mile is wheelchair accessible.	Easy
Distance	8.6 miles/13.8 km (McKinley Village to Hines Creek Bridge)	2.0 miles/3.2 km	0.5 miles/0.8 km
Time Estimate	5 hours roundtrip	1.5 hours roundtrip	30 minutes one way
Access	Denali Visitor Center or trailhead near the southern bridge over the Nenana River, approximately Mile 230 George Parks Hwy.	Begins at Mile 15 of Park Road. Accessible by free Savage River Shuttle bus and private vehicle, with limited parking available	From Eielson Visitor Center (accessible via Eielson, Wonder Lake and Kantishna-bound buses)
Highlights	Three tranquil lakes; fantastic views of Riley Creek and ancillary drainages; boreal forest; good views of the Alaska Range to the east (i.e., outside of the park); berries of nearly every type; wildflowers in early to mid summer; possibilities of seeing wildlife, particularly waterfowl, moose and spruce hens	Watch for wildlife on rocky slopes. Goes downstream, crosses a wooden bridge and returns upstream on the opposite side	High-alpine tundra, tremendous views of Mount McKinley on clear days, and chances to see large mammals such as grizzly bears and caribou
Elevation Change	~1,000 feet	None	negligible
Grade	20% maximum	Negligible	0%
Width	24 inches	24 inches	36 inches
Surface	Compacted gravel, native soils with rocks and roots, wood running planks 3/4 mile of the trail from Hines Creek is (will be) wheelchair accessible.	Native soils with rocks and roots	Compacted gravel and native soils

Ranger Programs

Join a park ranger for a guided walk or interpretive talk. You can explore the inner workings of a boreal forest or the microcosmic world of the alpine tundra. There are opportunities to learn about the wolves and bears of Denali or hear about one of our founding park pioneers, Charles Sheldon. You can also meet our sled dogs at the Denali Kennels and learn why they play such an important role during the wintertime. Park rangers are here to help you understand, learn about, and protect your national parklands. Join us, today!

Guided Walks

Several guided walks depart daily from the Denali Visitor Center and the Eielson Visitor Center. Hikes range from short, easy loops in the spruce forest to longer more challenging explorations. Check at either facility to learn what is being offered today.

Theater Programs

Ever wonder what it's like to climb Denali or what exactly is the moose rut? Join a ranger in the Karstens Theater at the Denali Visitor Center for a variety of topics. Check the information desk for programs and topics being offered today.

Sled Dog Demonstrations

Sled dogs play an active role in the park. During the winter they work hard patrolling the backcountry and during the summer they relax and spend time with the visitors. Tour the park kennels and visit with the sled dogs to learn more about these amazing huskies. Programs are offered at

10 am, 2 pm, and 4 pm in peak season. May and September offerings can be limited. *Arrive at the Denali Visitor Center bus depot 40 minutes in advance to catch the shuttle and attend this free program.*

Evening Campground Programs

Bring your family and friends and have fun with a ranger for the evening. Programs are 45 minutes long. Check the campground bulletin boards for upcoming topics and schedules.

Discovery Hikes

Get off the bus and challenge yourself to get up close and personal with the wild. Join a ranger for a different wilderness adventure each day. Participants must be ready for uneven terrain, small stream crossings, dense vegetation, unpredictable weather, and close encounters with wildlife. Hikes take place off-trail and can be difficult.

All hikers must sign up in advance at the Denali Visitor Center; group size is limited to 11 hikers. Sign-ups are possible no more than two days before the hike date.

All ranger programs are free with the exception of Discovery Hikes which require you to sign up in advance and purchase the appropriate bus ticket.

More information is available at:
www.nps.gov/dena/planyourvisit/ranger-programs.htm.

Especially for Kids

Learn more about the wildlife, wilderness, and people of Denali while training to be a **Junior Ranger**. Free activity guides are available at most park visitor centers.

The whole family can learn about the park by borrowing a backpack full of fun tools and activities. You can check out a **Denali Discovery Pack** for free for as long as you're visiting the park. Only at the Denali Visitor Center. Quantities are limited.

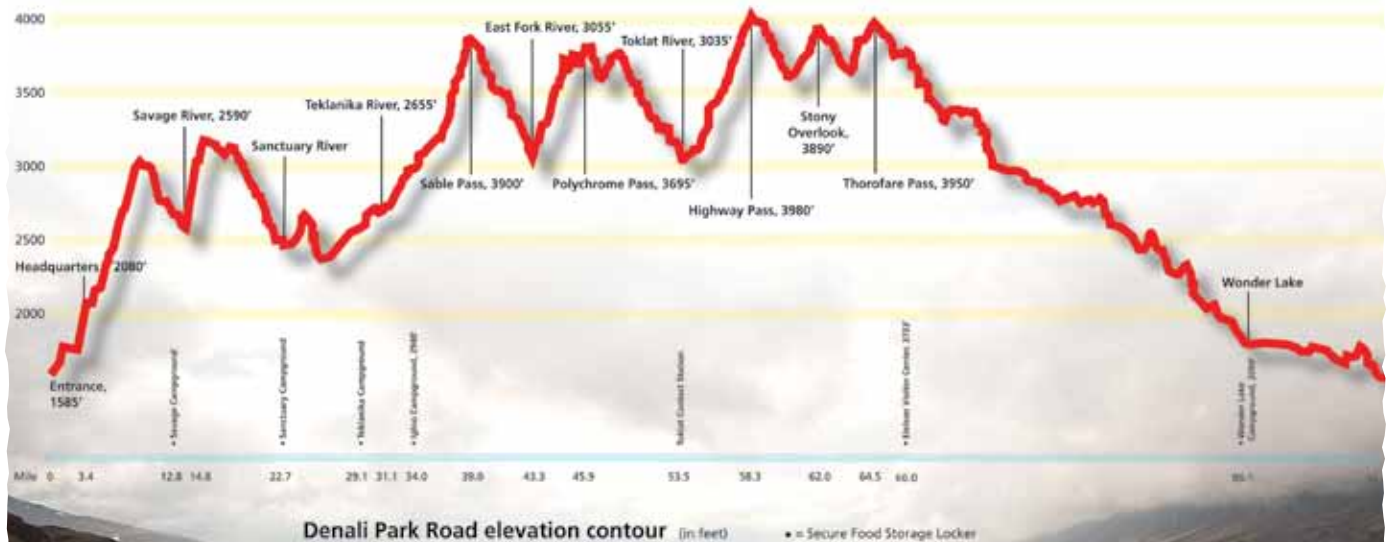
Director of the Park Service, Jonathon B. Jarvis,
with a Junior Ranger at the Eielson Visitor Center.



Biking Denali

Bicycling is a great way to enjoy the Denali Park Road. Help us make it a pleasant and safe experience.

- Cyclists may ride on park roads, parking areas, campground loops and the designated Bike Path between the Nenana River and the Denali Visitor Center. Bicycles are prohibited on all other trails.
- Stay attuned to road surface, traffic, and weather conditions as you're riding. Travel single file, keep to the right, and comply with traffic regulations.
- Motorists generally show courtesy to cyclists by slowing to "no-dust" speeds and passing only when it is safe to do so. Return the favor. Slow down, move to the right, or stop when you encounter vehicles.
- Bicycles can be transported on the free Savage River Shuttle, on camper buses, and on shuttle buses to the Eielson Visitor Center that depart each day at 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, and 8:30 am. Space is limited. Check availability at the Wilderness Access Center.
- Bike racks are provided at campgrounds, rest areas and visitor centers. If you go day hiking along the Park Road, carry your bike 25 yards from the roadway and hide it from view. If you're leaving it overnight, tag it with contact information.
- Wild animals are curious and opportunistic. Do not leave food or scented items on your bicycle unattended. Use a food storage locker provided at campgrounds and other locations, or use a bear-resistant food container provided free with a back-country camping permit.
- Be familiar with wildlife distance regulations. If any animal changes its behavior due to your presence, you are too close.
- If a bear appears near you or your planned route, do not try to outride it. Stop and dismount. Keep all your gear with you. Back away slowly. Wait for the bear to move away. If there is a vehicle nearby, use it as a barrier between you and the bear.



Fishing Regulations

Licenses: No state fishing license or permit is required anywhere within the park.

Limits: The catch limit per person per day is 10 fish, but not to exceed 10 lbs and one fish. The catch limit for lake trout per person per day is two fish, including those hooked and released. Possession of more than the daily limit per person is prohibited.

Prohibitions

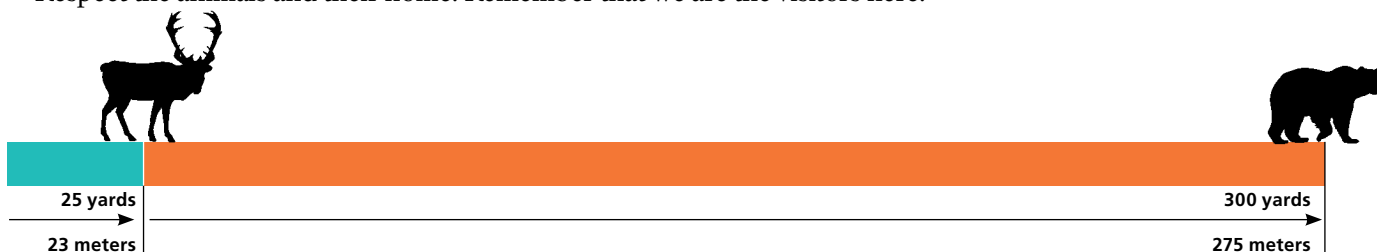
- Fishing in any manner other than by hook and line, with rod or line being closely attended.
- Possessing, using live or dead bait, fish amphibians, and non-preserved fish eggs/roe.
- Chumming or placing any foreign substances in the water for the purpose of feeding or attracting fish so that they may be taken.
- Commercial fishing.
- Fishing by use of drugs, poisons, explosives or electricity.
- Digging for bait.
- Failing to return immediately to the water, a fish that a person chooses not to keep. Fish so released shall not be included in the catch or possession limit, except for lake trout (see limits above).
- Non conflicting state laws also apply.



Denali is Home to Wildlife

Please observe these distance rules to ensure their safety and yours. Any distance that alters the behavior of a wild animal is too close.

- Maintain minimum distances at all times. Resist the temptation to approach animals. Do not move to intercept an animal's path.
- Responsible visitors use binoculars or a telephoto lens to observe an animal's natural behavior. Do not engage in photography if an animal moves closer than the minimum distance allowed. Remind others of their ethical responsibility when photographing animals.
- Please don't follow an animal at close distance with a vehicle. Motorists must stop and allow an animal to cross the road safely.
- Avoid stressing wildlife. The animals living here are engaged in a daily struggle to find food, shelter, and water necessary for survival. Avoid wildlife during sensitive times, such as when they are nesting, mating, or raising young. Respect the animals and their home. Remember that we are the visitors here.



Moose, caribou, Dall sheep, wolf, an active raptor nest, or occupied den site.

Bear

Facilities and Services

- ▲ **Accessibility:** Most restrooms are wheelchair accessible. Savage Cabin Trail, the first half-mile of Savage River Trail, and trails around Denali Visitor Center and Riley Creek Mercantile are wheelchair accessible. Some tour and shuttle buses are wheelchair accessible; please advise staff of needs when making a reservation. The Denali Visitor Center and Wilderness Access Center feature films are open-captioned. More information about accessible facilities and features is available at www.nps.gov/dena
- ▲ **Alaska Railroad:** You can travel to Denali by rail from Fairbanks, Anchorage, or Talkeetna. Call 907 265-2683 in Anchorage 907 265-2683 outside Anchorage 800 544-0552 outside Alaska 907 683-2233 in Denali
- ▲ **Banks:** The closest bank is in Healy. ATM service is provided at Denali Princess, McKinley Chalets, Northern Lights Gift Shop, Lynx Creek Store, and Salmon Bake. All one mile (1.6km) north of the park.
- ▲ **Flightseeing:** One of the more dramatic ways to see the park is from the window of a small aircraft. For an enhanced flightseeing experience, visitors can opt to land on one of the park glaciers aboard a ski-equipped airplane with one of four flightseeing concessionaires:

Fly Denali, with offices in Talkeetna and Healy, AK 866 733-7768, www.flydenali.net

Sheldon Air Service, Talkeetna, AK 800 478-2321, www.hudsonair.com

K2 Aviation, Talkeetna, AK 800 764-2291, www.flyk2.com

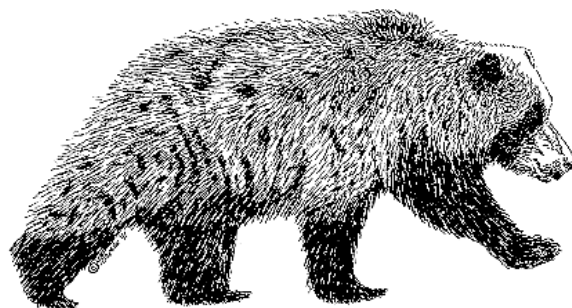
Talkeetna Air Taxi, Talkeetna, AK 800 533-2219, www.talkeetnaair.com
- ▲ **Gas and Propane:** At a gas station on the east side of George Parks Highway, one mile north of the park entrance (summer).
- ▲ **Grocery, Laundry, and Showers:** At the Riley Creek Mercantile, located near the entrance of the park, adjacent to the Riley Creek Campground.
- ▲ **Lost and Found:** If you lose something of value, contact a ranger or call 907 683-9275. To report a lost item or to turn in found items, stop by the baggage check facility located across from the train depot, open 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.
- ▲ **Medical:** The closest physicians and hospitals are in Fairbanks.

Canyon Clinic, urgent care facility, about a mile north of the park entrance at Mile 238.8. Open 9 am to 6 pm daily, and available on call 24 hours – 907 683-4433.

Interior Community Health Center, located in the Tri-Valley Community Center, 13 miles north of the park and a half-mile east of George Parks Highway on Healy Spur Road. A physician's assistant is on call at 907 683-2211.

Talkeetna:
Sunshine Community Health Center, Mile 4 of the Talkeetna Spur Road. Open 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Saturday, with 24-hour on-call services – 907 733-2273.

Talkeetna Denali Family Medical Clinic, downtown Talkeetna, 9 am to noon and 2 to 5 pm, Monday through Thursday – 907 733-2708.
- ▲ **Post Office:** Located next to Riley Creek Campground.
- ▲ **Recycling Areas:** Located at the Riley Creek Mercantile for aluminum, plastic, and batteries. Visitor centers, campgrounds, and rest stops have aluminum can receptacles.
- ▲ **Religious Services:** Please check at the Denali Visitor Center for times and locations of religious services in the park and in local communities.
- ▲ **Road Lottery:** This year's Road Lottery is September 16-19. For each day of the lottery, 400 names are drawn and those winners may drive the length of the Park Road in their personal vehicles on their assigned day. The names of those selected for permits will be posted on the park website by July 15. For instructions on how to enter, visit www.nps.gov/dena
- ▲ **Sewage Dump Station:** Located adjacent to the Riley Creek Mercantile. Free to campers staying in the park; \$5 fee for others. Payable at the Riley Creek Mercantile. Facility may be closed during early or late seasons due to frozen ground or chance of freezing.



Backcountry Permits

Overnight stays in the backcountry require a free backcountry permit, available at the Backcountry Information Center (BIC) next to the Wilderness Access Center (WAC). Permits are issued in person, no more than one day in advance, and reservations are not accepted. Permits are not required for day hikes, but some areas may be closed to entry. Hikers should stop at the BIC for a map and current information.

Denali's vast backcountry is divided into units, each of which has a daily quota for the number of people who may camp there. Because more popular units



fill early, be flexible when planning your trip. Most units require the use of bear-resistant food containers, loaned free of charge with a permit. All food, toiletries, and garbage must be stored in these containers.

Allow no less than an hour at the BIC. Arrive no later than 5 pm. Follow these steps to obtain your permit:

- Plan your itinerary
- Watch backcountry safety video
- Attend the ranger safety talk
- Mark your map
- Obtain a camper bus ticket at the WAC only after completing your backcountry orientation

Obtaining a backcountry permit and abiding by park regulations are only part of outdoor ethics. Many of your decisions in the backcountry go beyond rules and rely on your sense of responsibility for preserving wilderness. When in the field, you must weigh factors of safety, weather, wildlife encounters, and group dynamics along with your impact on the environment. We urge you to heighten your awareness and accept the challenges of Leave No Trace principles.

Leave Denali As You Found It

- Plan Ahead and Prepare
- Camp and Travel on Durable Surfaces
- Dispose of Waste Properly
- Leave What You Find
- Minimize Campfire Impacts
- Respect Wildlife
- Be Considerate of Others


Please obtain more detailed information at the Backcountry Information Center next to the Wilderness Access Center. Or call the Backcountry Permit Office at 907 683-9590.





Be Bear Aware


Denali National Park and Preserve is home to both black bears and grizzly bears. Black bears inhabit the forested areas of the park, while grizzly bears mainly live on the open tundra. Almost all bears seen by visitors along the Park Road are grizzlies. The bears of Denali are wild creatures, behaving naturally. If annoyed, these solitary animals can be very dangerous to intruders. For your own protection, and to keep Denali bears healthy and wild, please carefully read and abide by these rules.

As a visitor, each of us has an obligation to respect bears and their habitat. These rules are strictly enforced in Denali. Failure to observe them may result in citations and fines.

 **Be alert:** Bears are active both day and night and can be anywhere. Watch for tracks and scat.

 **Don't surprise:** Bears may perceive you as a threat if you startle them. Never get between a sow and her cub. Bears are protective of their cubs.

 **Make noise:** Warn bears of your presence by making noise—sing, shout, talk. Be especially careful in dense brush where visibility is low, when walking into the wind, and along rivers where bears cannot hear you over the noise of the water.

 **Never approach:** Bears should live as free from human interference as possible. Give them space.

Maintain a minimum distance of 300 yards (275 meters). Standing your ground to allow a bear to approach for photographs is prohibited.

If a bear changes its behavior due to your presence, you are too close.

For more information on human-bear encounters, read *Backcountry Bear Basics* by Dave Smith. Allowing a bear to obtain human food or garbage, even once, may cause it to seek out more human food. Eventually, if the bear becomes a threat to human safety, it may be killed. For this reason, it is against the law to feed wildlife in Denali or elsewhere in Alaska, either purposely or by carelessly leaving food or garbage where wildlife can get it.

Grizzly bear

Please report all bear incidents and encounters to a ranger. Park rangers and biologists need this information to document bear behavior for research and management purposes.

Do not run: Running may elicit a chase response. Bears can run faster than 30 mph (50 km/hr). You cannot outrun them. If the bear is unaware of you, detour quickly and quietly away. Give the bear plenty of room, allowing it to continue its activities undisturbed.

Back away slowly if the bear is aware of you: Speak in a low, calm voice while waving your arms slowly above your head. Bears that stand up on their hind legs are not threatening you, but merely trying to identify you.

Should a bear approach or charge you—do not run, do not drop your pack: Bears sometimes charge to within

a few feet of a person before stopping or veering off. Dropping a pack may pique a bear's curiosity, causing it to investigate. **Stand still** until the bear moves away, then slowly back off.

If a grizzly makes contact with you, play dead: Curl up into a ball with your knees tucked into your stomach and your hands laced around the back of your neck. Leave your pack on to protect your back. If the attack is prolonged, fight back vigorously.

If a black bear makes contact with you, fight back immediately.



Photo © Kennan Ward

Campgrounds

- All food, food containers, coolers, and dirty cooking utensils must be stored in a closed, hard-sided vehicle or in a campground food-storage locker whenever they are not in use. This includes freeze-dried and canned food, as well as beverages and scented items, such as soap, toothpaste, and sunscreen.
- Keep a clean camp. Dispose of trash in a bear-resistant trash can or dumpster, available at campgrounds. Scrape unwanted food from pots and plates and place in trash container. Be sure dumpster lids are closed and latched. Do not leave items lying around your campsite.
- Never leave food, containers, or garbage unattended even for just a few minutes.

Backcountry

The Backcountry Information Center issues bear-resistant food containers with your backcountry permit. These containers are lightweight, cylindrical canisters designed to keep bears from obtaining human food and trash. Since the introduction of bear-resistant food containers in 1984, there has been a 95 percent reduction in bears obtaining backpackers' food and an 88 percent decrease in property damage.

- All food, including freeze-dried and canned foods, beverages, and scented items, such as soap and sunscreen, must be kept in the bear-resistant food containers when not in use.
- Cook and store food at least 100 yards/meters downwind from your tent in an area with good visibility in all directions. Keep an eye out for approaching bears. Be prepared to put food away in a hurry.
- Avoid cooking greasy or odorous foods. Do not sleep in the same clothes you wore while cooking.
- Keep a clean and tidy camp. Pack out all trash.

Pepper Spray

The use of pepper spray as a bear deterrent can be very effective when used properly. If you decide to carry it, be aware that wind, spray distance, rain, and product shelf life all influence its effectiveness so learn how to use it. When traveling on buses, tell the driver you have pepper spray so it can be secured appropriately.



Black bear

Animal Communication

AN EXCERPT FROM *TEN DENALI DAYS*,
A COLLECTION OF POEMS BY NANCY LORD

Buses on the string of road squeeze past one another,
slow as any beasts of burden pausing in the dust.
Their drivers raise hands. Thumbs to sides of head
and fingers splayed: moose antlers, moose, *watch for
moose ahead*. Thumb to nose, fingers forward, now
it's *caribou coming up*. The finger circling beside
the head—not crazy but curly sheep horn.

One driver cups his hands into a cone ahead of his nose.
Another reads, *snout of fox* (probably red, maybe
cross.) A hand's up, like a peace or victory sign but
three-fingered, the letter W, *wolf*. The same hand,
this time five fingers spread and curled as claws.
Everybody wants bears—grizzlies and their fattened cubs.

Two hands again, in front of toothy face. Thumbs together,
forefingers together, between them the shape of a diamond.
This is a viewfinder, this is a view. This is the message:
The Mountain is out.

In 2010, Nancy Lord, a writer from Homer, Alaska participated in the Denali Artist-in-Residence program. To read a full version of *Ten Denali Days* ask a ranger at one of our information desks or go online.

"...My writing background is in prose, and I completed both an essay and a short story based on my experiences. The quiet time and sparks of awareness also seemed to support a poetic approach, and so I wrote some of the first poems of my life. The experience, overall, was a creative opening for me—not just to a fresh and dramatic natural world but to new ways of seeing and thinking..." – NANCY LORD, 2010



www.nps.gov/dena/historyculture/arts-program.htm

Park Partners



As the primary nonprofit education partner of Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska Geographic connects people to Alaska's magnificent wildlands through experiential education, award-winning books and maps, and by directly supporting the state's parks, forests, and refuges. Over the past 50 years, Alaska Geographic has donated more than \$20 million to help fund educational and interpretive programs throughout Alaska's public lands.

Alaska Geographic operates four bookstores at Denali, including locations at the park entrance, the Toklat Rest Area, the Talkeetna Ranger Station, and the Murie Science and Learning Center. Your purchases at these locations directly support Denali National Park and Preserve—a portion of every sale helps fund the park's educational and interpretive programs.

To find out more, become a member, or browse our selection of Alaska books, maps, and films, stop by any Alaska Geographic bookstore or visit our website at www.alaskageographic.org

Alaska Geographic also supports education and research programs of the Murie Science and Learning Center. Located at the park entrance, the MSLC offers hands-on learning opportunities and works with the park and other partners to enhance science-based education, scientific research, and science-informed management decisions. Learn more at www.murieslc.org



The Denali Education Center partners with the National Park Service through the Murie Science and Learning Center on educational programs for adults and children. Visit www.denali.org

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Denali Borough School District

The Denali Borough School District provides technical support and equipment to Denali and is a frequent partner in grant writing opportunities that make many park programs possible. Visit <http://denali.ak.schoolwebpages.com>

The University of Alaska partners with Denali in research and educational activities. For information visit www.uaf.edu



The National Park Foundation provides support to parks throughout the United States, including Alaska. For more information visit www.nationalparks.org

Planning Your Trip

Visit Alaska Geographic bookstores at the park entrance, the Toklat Rest Area, or the Talkeetna Ranger Station to find books, maps, films, and gifts related to the natural and cultural history of Denali National Park and Preserve.



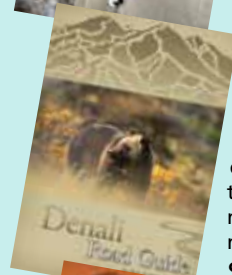
Heartbeats of Denali

Narrated by

Terry Tempest Williams

Experience one of America's wildest landscapes in this captivating journey through the seasons of Denali. Featured at the park visitor center.

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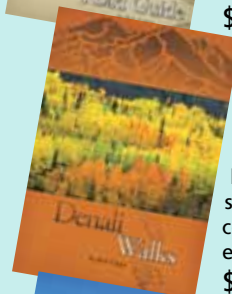


Denali Road Guide

By Kris Capps

The ideal companion for your excursion into the park. Learn about the wildlife, habitats, geology, and human history of Denali in this mile-by-mile guide to the Park Road.

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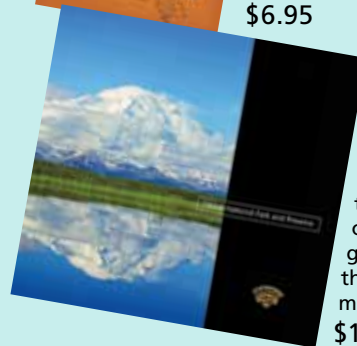


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By Andromeda Romano-Lax

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Lost and Found (within park).....	907 683-9275
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www.nps.gov/dena

Emergencies Dial 911

Cell phones work in the park entrance area. Be prepared to give your location as Denali National Park. Call to report accidents, fires, or life-threatening emergencies. Since there are no public phones west of Park Headquarters, emergencies should be reported to rangers on patrol, campground hosts, bus drivers, or to staff at Eielson Visitor Center or Toklat Rest Stop.

What's Burning?

The smoke that you may see or smell originates from fires burning in the boreal forest of the park. Lightning ignites a highly flammable black spruce and fire quickly consumes the tree. The intense heat opens serotinous cones and disperses new seeds onto the forest floor, thus continuing the cycle that has gone on for time immemorial. Fire is a constant force of regeneration. When you experience smoke, stop and think about the value of fires to the boreal forest of Denali National Park and Preserve.

Entrance Fees

7 Day Pass — Individual.....	\$10
7 Day Pass — Vehicle.....	\$20
7 Day Pass — Motorcycle.....	\$15
Denali National Park & Preserve Annual Pass.....	\$40

America the Beautiful Interagency Passes

Annual.....	\$80
Senior.....	\$10
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